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A method and apparatus for generating a synthetic image wherein a specific object region is extracted, a three-dimensional shape information is extracted, and a video image and a CG image are drawn compoundly. ~~By appending~~ ^{to the} three dimensional shape information specific object region ~~and data~~ ^{object, and the video object is} called ^a video image ~~objects~~ ^{to be} synthesized with CG images is created and stored on a hard disk. By using this data, a synthetic image is generated in non-real time fashion.